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DISTRICT MAN SENTENCED TO 24 YEARS FOR BEATING DEATHS OF WIFE, LANDLORD

WASHINGTON - Kenneth L. Ross, 52, was sentenced July 16 by the Honorable Gerald I. Fisher to 24 years incarceration on charges stemming from the beating deaths of his 52-year-old wife, Rosa Ross, and their 86-year-old landlord, George McKoy, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Ross, of the District, previously pled guilty in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to two counts of manslaughter while armed. At the plea hearing, Ross admitted that during the evening of Friday, November 13, 2009, he became involved in a physical altercation with his wife, Rosa Ross, inside the living room area of 3109 35th Street NE. During the altercation, Kenneth Ross picked up a bottle or vase and struck his wife several times about the head and body. George McKoy, the couple's landlord, attempted to intervene and was beaten, too.

On the morning of November 15, 2009, members of the Metropolitan Police Department were summoned to the house. After gaining entry, officers observed both Rosa Ross and George McKoy laying on the floor in the living room. Rosa Ross was pronounced dead on the scene, while McKoy was taken to the hospital, where he died November 24, 2009. An autopsy was conducted and the cause of death on both victims was determined to be blunt and sharp impact of the head by an unknown object and the manner of death was ruled a homicide.

U.S. Attorney Machen commended the work of Metropolitan Police Detectives Alfred Austin-Braxton, Lee Littlejohn, Jacqueline Middleton, Brian Wise, and Jed Worrell of the Violent Crime Branch, along with Mobile Crime Officers Stanley Wimbish, J.D. Smith, John Holder, and Mike Deprince. He also commended Paralegal Specialist Kelly Margaret Blakeney and Victim Witness Advocate Marcey Rinker. Finally, he commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles W. Cobb and Gary Wheeler, who investigated and prosecuted the case.

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